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**LETTER OF INTENT TO COLLABORATE
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE
AND
THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

On February 27, 2010 a devastating 8.8 magnitude earthquake, the 5th largest megathrust earthquake ever recorded, struck off the coast of Chile. The earthquake caused widespread damage to Concepción, the second largest city in Chile, to towns along the coast due to three tsunamis, and to several cities between Santiago and Concepción.

In the aftermath of such a major earthquake, the Government of the Republic of Chile, through the National Emergency Office (Oficina Nacional de Emergencia - ONEMI) of the Ministry of the Interior and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of the Department of Homeland Security of the



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United States of America on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, (hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”):

- Realize the importance of preventing, mitigating, and addressing the adverse consequences of disasters;
- Desire to foster greater understanding and strengthen future relationships in the field of emergency management;
- Recognize the value of enhancing disaster resilience and reducing disaster risk in the Republic of Chile and the United States of America, bearing in mind the need for continuous improvement in emergency management; and
- Realize the importance of expanding their respective knowledge bases concerning protection, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation with respect to disasters.

Therefore, the Participants express their intention to establish a process for information sharing and exchange of expertise in order to foster cooperation in emergency management, including:



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- (1) Exchange and regularly update relevant contact details, including 24/7 points of contact, in order to ensure continuity of dialogue, and to facilitate coordination when required;
- (2) Regularly share lessons learned from disasters and exercises in a timely fashion;
- (3) Invite representatives of each Participant to relevant conferences, workshops and exercises; and
- (4) Exchange information on emergency management best practices including education and training, public awareness of disasters, community information and warning systems, community and organizational resilience and risk assessment, and solutions to promote resilience to disasters, and to that end exchange relevant experts where appropriate.

The Participants intend to pursue these efforts within their respective authorities and subject to the availability of resources and funds.



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Duration and Modification

Activities may commence upon signature by both Participants. This Letter of Intent remains in operation for five years. The Participants may extend it by mutual written declaration; may modify it by mutual written statement; and may cease cooperation under it, at any time, if one Participant gives ninety (90) days' written notice to the other.

Signed at Washington D.C., this 12th day of April 2010, in the Spanish and English languages.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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**RICHARD SERINO
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
AGENCY**

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHILE**

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**ALFREDO MORENO CHARME
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**